

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-162

Application of William Northey for an Amended)
Certificate of Public Good for an interconnected net-)
metered photovoltaic electrical power system)

Order entered: 8/25/2011

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves an application filed by William Northey ("Applicant"), on August 19, 2011,¹ requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100 for a net metering system. On April 4, 2005, the Board issued a CPG to the Applicant for a net metering system that consists of a photovoltaic system. The Applicant is now seeking an amendment to the CPG to reflect an increase in system-rated capacity of 1.406 kW AC, from 1.33 kW AC to 2.736 kW AC. The amendment also reflects that the previously approved system is pole mounted rather than mounted on an existing structure.

Notice of the application has been sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) working days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. An in complete application was filed on June 16, 2011.

1. The proposed net metering project will be on property owned by the Applicant and located at 874 Burbank Road in Albany, Vermont. Application at Section 1.
2. The proposed net metering facility is to be erected on a new structure. Application at Section 4 and Application of March 21, 2005, at Section 4.
3. The proposed project consists of a photovoltaic electrical generation system with a system-rated output of 2.736 kW AC, comprising the previously approved 1.33 kW AC and the newly proposed 1.406 kW AC. The facility is interconnected with the Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. electrical distribution system. Order of 4/4/05 and Application at Section 4 and attachment.
4. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8.
5. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. CONCLUSION

In Docket No. 6181,² the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100 on March 1, 2001. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of

2. Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed photovoltaic net metering system, as amended and in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and an Amended Certificate of Public Good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of August, 2011.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 25, 2011

Attest: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.